SKY MASTERS

JUDGE PARKER

BLONDIE

BEN BOLT

LIL ABNER

REX MORGAN

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JULIE JONES

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Garden Notes

Drench Soil with Care

By M. V. CHESNUT, FRHS

WORMY SOIL — (W.T.W., Victoria). The worms in the sample of soil you sent me looked to me like baby earthworms rather than pests. Earthworms do not consume living plant tissue, and those you found clustered in the roots of your Brussels sprouts were probably scavenging dead tissue of roots killed by some rot disease.

The worms can be cleared from the vegetable plot by drenching the soil with a bichloride of mercury solution, two ounces, in 50 gallons of water. Extreme care must be taken, though, as this is a very powerful poison. Mix in a non-metallic container.

VINE FOR NORTH WALL — (G.H.L., Victoria). You have me stumped. Offhand, I can't think of any vine which is (a) evergreen, (b) very fast-growing, (c) tolerant of a north-facing aspect, and (d) capable of thriving in a clay fill.

The most vigorous climber I know is the Silver Fleece Vine, Polygonum auberti, which thrives in sun or shade, but it isn't evergreen. Euonymus radicans, sometimes called Wintercreeper, is evergreen and will thrive on a north wall; but is not a particularly fast grower. Better have a look at Akebia quinata, which is almost but not quite evergreen.

LEAF FOR IDENTIFICATION—(H.L. O'M., Victoria). It is very difficult for me, with my limited knowledge of systematic botany, to identify a plant from a single leaf, but if I had to hazard a guess as to the name of your shrub, I'd plump for Euonymus japonicus. This is an evergreen subject growing eventually to about 15 feet.

The infestation on the back of the leaf is due to a very small scale insect, and this shrub is particularly prone to attack by this pest. Spray with Malathion every two weeks from June to September, and with Volck oil spray around the end of January. The Volck will kill the leaves, but they drop off in early spring anyway.

COLDFRAME PEST — (B.J., Sidney). The nibbling of the seedlings in your coldframe could be due to any one of several pests, but I would think the most likely suspects are woodlice. A cosy frame has a powerful attraction for these crustaceans, and it needs only two or three hungry woodlice to ruin completely a whole box of thriving young seedlings in a single night.

One way of getting rid of the marauders is to use earwig bait placed in little heaps throughout the frame. A good dusting of the corners of the frame with DDT or dieldrin would help too. Don't leave any empty pots, bits of wood or other rubbish in the frame to provide hidey-holes for the pest.

PERUVIAN LILY—(G.R.E., Royal Oak). You'll never grow good Altsroemerias as long as you keep shifting them from one location to another, for these Peruvian lilies are extremely resentful of root disturbance. They are best planted while quite young—April is the best month—and left strictly alone thereafter. They like a warm, well-drained soil with a bit of grit in it.

Incidentally, these plants are not lilies, nor do they come from Peru. They are natives of Chile, and are members of the Amaryllis family.

The Viewing World

By John Crosby

Thumbnail Sketch of Spring

I've got an infected thumb so you must bear that in mind and make allowances. Late in life, James Barrie lost the use of his right hand and was forced to use his left. He always said the thoughts that flowed down his left arm were quite different from those that flowed down his right. Well, the flow of thoughts through an infected thumb are just as obscure, or to put it another way, I can't read my notes about "America Pauses for Springtime."

I gather I liked it very much indeed. "America Pauses for Springtime," a title that sounds as if it were sponsored by the Coca Cola company and it was, strongly resembled the late lamented "Wide Wide World."

The CBS show Monday jumped all over the country from the Golden Gate Park in San Francisco to a ferryboat in New York harbor, opening with Marge and Gower Champion dancing and scampering about the greensward and bridges and gardens of Golden Gate Park to the tune of "Younger Than Springtime." From there it leaped to Coesse, Ind., where Herb Shriner, who invented Indiana, invaded the general store and gossiped around the potbelly stove with village oldsters.

Next thing we knew the Air Force chorale was singing "L'il Liza Jane" in the shadow of Pike's Peak at Colorado's Garden of the Gods.

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After that, if memory serves, Genevieve was sitting on a tree trunk on the edge of a bayou in Louisiana, baying about love. Some joker on the Staten Island ferry sang about what a big wide wonderful world we live in and it certainly is. There were shots of the Hudson, of the Augusta, Ga., golf course with Bobby Jones as emcee, bits of "Flower Drum Song" intended to convey San Francisco's Chinatown, and best of all, some lovely zoomar shots of melting snow and gurgling brooks, and puppies and little girls and flowers—a lovely and poetic montage to spring which I found quite entrancing.

Does any of this interest you? It does me. I love it when television breaks the studio chains for a minute and gets the singers and dancers out of doors. I just hope Coca Cola does it again sometime—and as a matter of fact they plan to do two more, one in May and the other in July.

Hollywood Today

By Sheilah Graham

Stars 'Worth' High Pay

HOLLYWOOD (NANA) — **Marlon Brando**, who can get $1,000,000 for starring in a movie, takes exception to those producers who are saying that the high-star salaries are ruining the motion-picture business.

Says Brando. "I've always heard it was television that was destroying the movies. If the make-up men or the directors or the actors can ask for more money and get it, they may be worth it." All Brando's films have made money. His "Sayonara" grossed $10,500,000 in this country alone, and Marlon received 10 per cent of this.

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Mrs. James Mason, the popular **Pamela**, is afraid to fly, which makes travelling with her husband difficult because he flies. So Pam is undergoing psychoanalysis and hypnosis to rid herself of the fear.

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Paul Robeson, who was very ill with flu in Moscow, has decided he's well enough to star in "Othello" at Stratford-on-Avon. Which is bad news for **William Marshall**, who was all set to replace him.

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Jean Gabin's "En Cas de Malheur" has been rated his best by the French critics. He gets an assist from co-star **Brigitte Bardot**.

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Jerry Lewis lost 21 pounds on his five-week night-club tour and is down to 148—the slimmest he has been in seven years. The doctors have put Jerry on a high-calorie diet. He is currently in Phoenix playing the Ko-Ko Club for 10 days. Then back to Hollywood for the Oscar show and a brief rest before starting "Visit to a Small Planet" for **Hal Wallis**.

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Bob Hope feels much better and will go to New York for a week of personal appearances with his "Alias Jesse James." Bob will also appear in an upcoming "Truth or Consequences" TV show and will cut a record with **Rosemary Clooney** of "Ain't A-Hankerin' "—the hit song from his movie.

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Zsa Zsa Gabor and her new date, **Mac Krim**, caught **Jimmie Komack's** act at the Interlude and Zsa asked him to join her in her night-club act. He said yes. They'll open at the Ko-Ko Club and Jimmie is rewriting the act.

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Jane Russell and **Bob Waterfield** celebrated 16 years of happy marriage Easter Sunday with their three children on a ranch near Santa Maria.

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Smog is driving Hollywood to Florida. **Donald O'Connor** writes from Miami Beach—he's currently at the Fontainebleau—"There are so many Hollywood stars in Miami, they could swing the academy vote down here."

Winning Contract

By SCHENCKEN AND FREY

BRIDGE QUIZ

The biggest penalties in bridge usually result from the over-aggressive bidding of misfit hands — especially when the final resting place of such misfits is a "nowhere else to play it" contract of three-no-trump doubled. When partner bids two suits for which you have no support, it is essential to proceed with caution unless you have a hand strong enough to guarantee that you will not land in trouble.

The bidding has begun:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	2 ◊	Pass
2 ♡	Pass	?	

What should South rebid with each of the following hands?

(a)
♠ 4
♡ 10 2
◊ A J 9 6 4
♣ K 10 5 3 2

(b)
♠ 4
♡ 10
◊ A Q J 9 8 4
♣ K 6 5 3 2

(c)
♠ 10 4
♡ 2
◊ A Q 9 6 4
♣ K 10 9 5 3

(d)
♠ 10 4
♡ 9 2
◊ A J 9 6 4
♣ K Q J 7

(e)
♠ 9
♡ 10 2
◊ A Q 10 8 4
♣ K Q J 9 7

(f)
♠ Q 10 4
♡ 8 2
◊ K Q 9 6 4
♣ A 9 8

ANSWERS TO BRIDGE QUIZ

(a) Pass. You have already stretched a bit to respond two diamonds. Another bid on this potential misfit may plunge your side into difficulties. Partner's two heart bid is not forcing (he could have bid three hearts with a huge hand), so better quit before you are doubled.

(b) Three diamonds. You are not strong enough to make the absolutely forcing rebid of three clubs, but your diamonds are good enough to play without support.

(c) Two spades. A preference for partner's first suit is all you can afford.

(d) Two no-trump. With doubletons in both of partner's suits and fair strength in both the minors, this hand is not a misfit and offers game possibilities.

(e) Three clubs. The no-trump contract, if that is the final destination of this hand, will probably play best from partner's side. If partner rebids hearts, you may take him to game in that suit.

(f) Three spades. This hand is far from a misfit. You must show better than a mere preference for partner's first suit (compare with example c.). With only a single club stopper—and that one the ace—three spades is far better than two no-trump.

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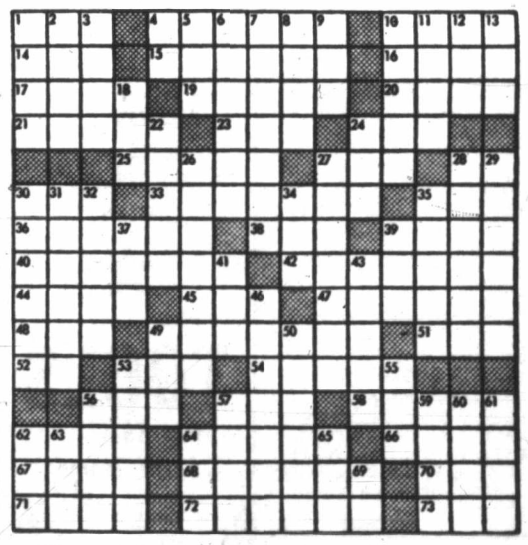
Allmasters Club Bridge Winners

Winners of the weekly tournament of the Allmasters Bridge Club were: 1—Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Beale, 2—Simon Marinker and Frank Artlett, 3—Mrs. L. E. Butt and Mrs. Kay Davies, 4 — (Tie.) Mrs. Ethel Cleworth and Mrs. Dorothy McConnel, and Tony Marsh and Leslie Stewart.

The Daily Cross-Word Puzzle . . .



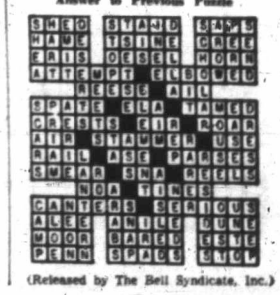
ACROSS

1. Secret agent.
4. One who tents out.
10. Informational facts.
14. Form of "to be."
15. Reluctant.
16. First man.
17. Protective ditch.
19. Lift spirits of.
20. Prong of fork.
21. Oral.
23. Cravat.
24. Obtain.
25. Sound quality (pl.).
27. Genus of swine.
28. Symbol for cerium.
30. As it stands.
33. Ransoms.
35. Spit pulse.
36. Mountain nymphs.
38. Observe.
39. Wild buffalo of India.
40. Opposes.
42. Satirize.
44. God of love.
45. Part of mouth.
47. Passed a rope through.
48. Grand Old Party.
49. Upper house of Congress (pl.).
51. Editors (abbr.).
52. Teutonic deity.
53. A koboid.
54. Kind of car.
56. Fondle.
57. Goddess of infatuation.
58. serious.
62. Ox of the Celebes.
64. Choice part.
66. Denude.
67. Entranceway.
68. Quiet.
70. Falsehood.
71. Hearing organs.
72. Short for plate made from matrix.
73. Youth.

DOWN

1. Course homing.
2. South Seas canoe.
3. Period of time.
4. Symbol for calcium.
5. Farewell.
6. Liquified by heat.
7. Lauds.
8. Italian city.
9. Female ruff.
10. Fruit (pl.).
11. Mine entranceway.
12. Color.
13. Core for fashioning hollow metal objects.
18. Young child.
22. Domineers.
24. Man's nickname.
26. Cuddles.
27. Smudged.
28. Padded Indian boat.
29. African antelopes.
30. Reddish brown stage of falcon.
31. Quiver.
32. Greek fabulist.
34. Elongated fish.
35. Number of sheep in one mass.
37. Atmosphere.
38. Mimic.
41. Transgression.
43. Tablelands.
46. A troche.
49. Occupy a seat.
50. To seesaw.
53. Approaches.
55. Blow on head.
56. Indigent.
57. Come to earth.
59. Sphere.
60. Silkworm.
61. Tall marsh grass.
62. American author.
63. Common (Haw.).
64. Worm.
65. Compass point.
69. Preposition.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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